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Green Mountain Power Corporation

Project No. 2558-046

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Application Type: Recreation Plan

b. Project No: 2558-046

c. Date Filed: May 31, 2016, as supplemented July 21, 2016

d. Applicant: Green Mountain Power Corporation

e. Name of Project: Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project

f. Location: The project is located on Otter Creek in Addison and Rutland

counties, Vermont.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r

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j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: August 29, 2016.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2558-046.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. Description of Request: The licensee filed a recreation plan for Commission approval pursuant to articles 401 and 405 of the license order issued October 23, 2014. The proposed plan provides for the construction, enhancement, and continued operation of recreation facilities at each of the project's four developments, including picnic areas, parking areas, interpretive signage, portages, and an observation deck. The proposed plan includes preliminary design drawings, an implementation schedule, and a provision for revising the plan, as needed, over the license term. Contrary to Article 405, the licensee proposes to not relocate the boat barrier at the Huntington Falls Development and, instead, would maintain the boat barrier in its current location and provide a portage takeout on the northern shoreline of Otter Creek upstream of the bridge on Morgan Horse Farm Road.
- l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available

for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

- m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
- n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.
- o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

DATED: July 27, 2016

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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